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YOU'RE KIRYUU...!?

BUT THEN I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN YOU EITHER
YOU REMEMBER WELL KUSUMI!
THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE HAZEKURA NINGUN*...
*Ninja army
.....
IN THAT FINAL BATTLE AGAINST YOU... IN THAT INFERNO,
FIVE YEARS AGO,
I LOST MY MASTER AND MY COMRADES ...

NO.
...SO IT'S VENGEANCE YOU WANT?
I WAS SURROUNDED BY THE FLAMES THAT SCORCHED MY THROAT.
NOW I CAN NO LONGER SPEAK WITH EASE.
I REMEMBER THE SEARING HEAT OF THAT INFERNO AND THE LOSS!
EVERY TIME I HEAR THE SOUNDS FROM THESE BROKEN PIPES OF MINE
IN OTHER WORDS
IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.
I HAVE YET TO COMPLETE THE MISSION MY MASTER GAVE ME.
SO I LIVE ON.

TO COMPLETELY OBLITERATE EVERY LAST HAZEKURA NINJA, THAT IS MY ONLY REASON FOR LIVING!
!

YOU'RE TOO CARE-LESS
DID YOU ALLOW THOUGHTS OF THE PAST TO DISTRACT YOU?

EVEN THE MOST SKILLED OF NINJAS WHEN SUDDENLY LOSING A HAND WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND THEIR INNER BALANCE
ESPECIALLY IF IT'S THEIR DOMINANT RIGHT HAND THAT'S LOST
THIS MAKES IT PERFECT FOR A FIGHT TO THE FINISH!

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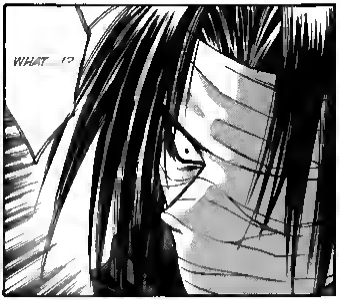
I WOULDN'T SPEAK SO SOON

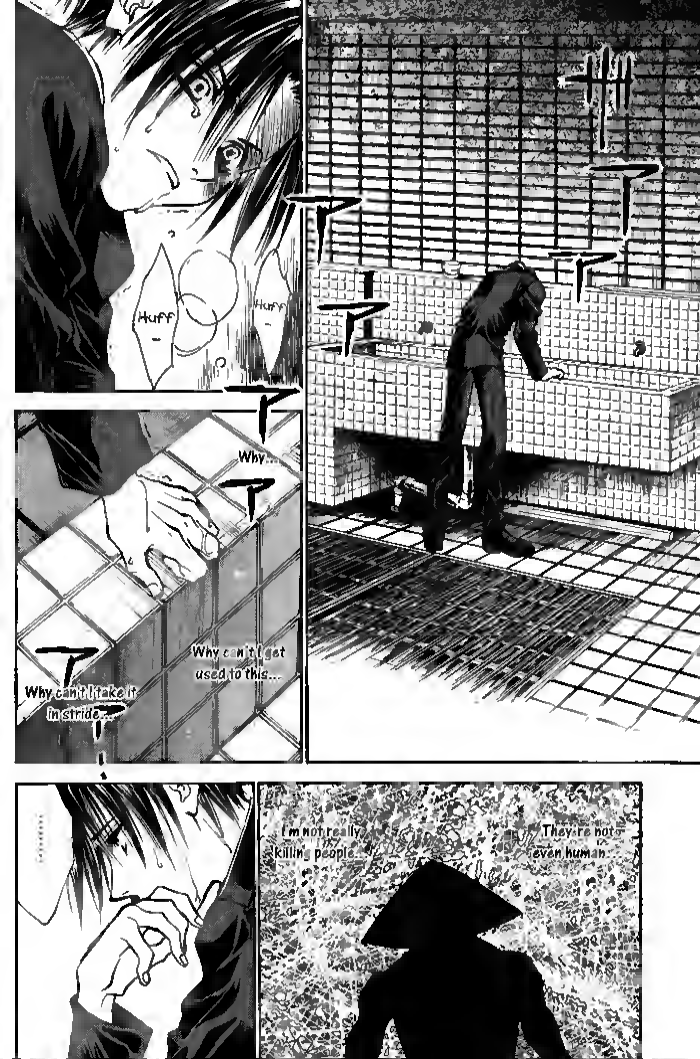

WHAT...!?

A prosthetic limb...!?
UWAAAH...!?
KIRYUU...
DAMN IT...!
He...!
!

I JUST HAVE A FEW WORDS
IN THAT BATTLE YOU LOST YOUR COMRADES AND YOUR VOICE
AND I AM NO DIFFERENT
AT THAT TIME, I LOST MY COMRADES AND RIGHT HAND
THE TWO OF US HAVE BOTH LOST EVERYTHING, EXCEPT OUR OWN LIVES
IF YOU WISH TO FINISH IT, I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS
……!
BUT RIGHT NOW I HAVE A NEW MISSION
SO I CAN'T JUST OFFER UP MY LIFE.
YOU HAVE YOUR WAY, I HAVE MINE.

WE'RE BOTH JUST DOING OUR BEST TO COMPLETE THE TASKS OUR MASTERS SET US.
DAMN YOU
HOW DARE YOU DISMISS ME SO LIGHTLY...!
...
ZAK

Hurf
Hurf


Huff
Huff
Why...
Why can't I take it in stride...
Why can't I get used to this...
.....
I'm not really killing people...
They're not even human...

... SHI...

WEL-
COME
HOME
DID YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO TELL
ME...?
HM?
WHY ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR ME
HERE?
BECAUSE
I SAW YOU
LOOKING ALL
LOST AND
DISPIRITED!
HEY!
I'm the
cause for
concern
again
LOST AND
DISPIRITED...

IS THIS "SCHOOL" PLACE FUN?
...YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO SCHOOL?
YEP!
SO THEN, SO THEN...
could it be that she's rich ?
DOES SHE HAVE A TUTOR?
Um...
Place...?
IF I WENT TO SCHOOL, WHAT PLACE WOULD I BE?
OH... YOU MEAN WHAT GRADE?
HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?
FOURTEEN
THEN YOU'RE STILL IN JUNIOR HIGH
Ohhh?

GIRLS CAN'T WEAR THIS KIND OF UNIFORM.
THAT'S GREAT! I WANT TO TRY ON WHAT YOU'RE WEARING TOO.
HEY—
YES?

YOU KNOW I'M...
AN ONKI TOO
...HUH?
.....
THAT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME...
A FEW HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

AH!
A SUZUKA IS A SOUL THAT GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF REINCARNATION
I DIED BECAUSE OF THE WAR,
BUT BECAUSE I CLUNG SO STRONGLY TO THIS WORLD I WAS UNABLE TO BECOME A SUZUKA
THEN I WAS SUMMONED BY THE HIURU
BUT ONEECHAN
SASARA REMOVED THE TAINT CLINGING TO ME ALLOWING MY SOUL TO BECOME CLEAN
SO NOW I'M LIKE THIS NO DIFFERENT FROM A LIVING PERSON
YOU KNOW

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON,
BUT I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU. THAT'S WHY I'VE COME.
YOU...
.....
YOU CAN'T DO THAT...!
NO!
Ooh!
touch
THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD ...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT'S ALL THE MORE REASON FOR YOU TO LIVE THE WAY YOU WANT...

?
— YOU'RE SO PURE
SO VERY LIKE THIS PAGE BOY I SAW A LONG TIME AGO IN A PROCESSION OF NOBLEMEN
I LIKE PEOPLE WHO ARE STRONG AND UNTAINTED LIKE YOU,
SO,
I'M REALLY GLAD I'M ABLE TO GUARD YOU
HEE HEE

WHAT'S WRONG?
DON'T CRY...

In order to seal the Kirlyashe, I don't even have the freedom to die.
I have to kill even if I don't want to.
And there are even people who have come to aid me because of this.
But my mind is in conflict over the thought, "Does this really excuse me killing people?"
...From the beginning, I've thought,
why must I suffer so

Even if it's only an excuse—

……!
As long as there's a reason other than just to protect myself,
I won't be afraid to raise my sword any longer.
Because I won't allow these people to be hurt again…